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DATE: 15 JUNE 1964

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FOR	[REDACTED]					

1. RE PARA 2 REF, AGREE THAT OUR IMAGE AS PLANFUL AND CO-ORDINATED ORGANIZATION HAS SUFFERED SOMEWHAT WITHIN RECENT WEEK WISH TO ASSURE [REDACTED] HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS A REFLECTION OF CERTA EVENTS IN WASHINGTON OVER WHICH WE HAVE LITTLE OR NO CONTROL VIS-A-VIS THE RELATIVE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF FAST MOVING EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. WHEN THIS IS COUPLED TO OUR OWN PRESENTLY [REDACTED] 25X1

IN COMPLETED INVESTIGATION OF THE FLAME OUT PHENOMENON [REDACTED]

YOU HAVE WHAT APPEARS TO THE OUTSIDER AS ORGANIZED CHAOS.

2. RE PARA 3 REF, AND AS NOTED IN EARLIER MESSAGE TO [REDACTED] 25X1

MISGIVINGS [REDACTED] REGARDING OPERATION SLIPPING OUT OF [REDACTED] CONTROL BY VIRTUE [REDACTED] STAGING ARE ESSENTIALLY GROUNDLES

IF WE ARE ABLE WE INTEND TO INTERSPERSE TEST CLIMB AND ENGINE

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BEHAVIOUR INVESTIGATIONS INTO AIR ACTIVITY ON-GOING AT  FOLLOWING  
ING ARRIVAL 362 AND  PARTY AT THAT LOCATION. THIS  
SHOULD IN PART PERMIT US TO FULFILL OUR PROPOSAL NOTED PARA 2. B.  
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3. WHILE HQS HAS NOT CONCLUDED THAT CLIMATOLOGY OVER  IS ENTIRE EXPLANATION FOR FLAME<sup>I</sup> OUTS THERE IS A LINGERING SUSPICION THAT IT MAY BE A MEANINGFUL INGREDIENT IN THE ENTIRE INTERFACE BETWEEN ~~THE~~ AIRCRAFT AND ENVIRONMENT. CERTAINLY THE DECIDEDLY LOWER TEMPERATURE READINGS AT CERTAIN COMPARABLE ALTITUDES OVER  REPRESENT A CONDITION THIS AIRCRAFT HAS NOT KNOWINGLY ENCOUNTERED SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION AS A TYPE IN 1958. WHEN THESE LOWE TEMPERATURES ARE COMBINED WITH ~~WIND~~ WIND SHEAR, AND IF THERE IS PRESENT THROUGH THE TROPOPAUSE ANY UNUSUAL DEGREE OF SUPER-COOLED AIR, CLIMATOLOGY MIGHT IN FACT HOLD THE ANSWER. ACCORDING TO THE METEOROLOGISTS THIS PARTICULAR CONDITION MODERATES WITHIN

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SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES SOUTH OF [ ] SO THAT ON PENETRATIONS WEST OF HAINAN THIS FACTOR <sup>SHOULD BE</sup> MINIMAL. BASIC PROBLEM IS THAT INVESTIGATION OF FLAME OUT PROBLEM WILL HAVE TO BE SOLVED AS IS A COMPLICATED DETECTIVE STORY BY ELIMINATING ONE VARIABLE AFTER THE OTHER. AS YOU KNOW A PART OF ONE OF [ ] EDWARDS-BASED MAINTENANCE TEAMS IS NOW AT [ ] AND SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AT ONE JUNCTURE HQS DID CONSIDER AN ENTIRE MAINTENANCE TEAM TO THERE ~~WAS~~ BE OF WHATEVER ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

4. RE PARA 4 REF, HQS BEST BET PRESENT COURSE <sup>IS</sup> TO STICK WITH 358 AND 359 AT [ ] AND MOVE 362 TO [ ] 348 IS COMMITTED TO TAIL PIPE INVESTIGATION IN CALIFORNIA AND WILL PROBABLY BE SO INVOLVED FOR SEVERAL MORE WEEKS. REASON FOR REQUIREMENT <sup>MAINTAIN</sup> ~~WAS~~ OPS CAPABILITY [ ] STEMS FROM SPECIAL GROUP INJUNCTION REQUIRING CONSIDERATION OF CENTRAL/NORTH CHINA AND NORTH KOREA MISSIONS IN COORDINATING OFFICERS

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EVENT PROLONGED BAD WEATHER PRECLUDES TEMPORARY COVERAGE  
SOUTH CHINA. AT SOME POINT IN ☐ THIS EXERCISE IT MAY BE PRODUCTIVE  
TO FLY EITHER 358 OR 359 TO ☐ FOR TEST FLIGHTS. AT THE MOMENT  
OUR PACING PROBLEM IS AVAILABILITY OF ☐ PILOTS FOR OVERFLIGHT  
MISSIONS SINCE SPECIAL GROUP WOULD NOT HEAR OF ☐ PILOTS  
OVER SOUTH CHINA AT THIS TIME, ☐

5. TRUST ☐ WILL ENDEAVOR TO EXPLAIN TO ☐ THAT HQS  
IS ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICTING REQUIREMENTS AND  
MECHANICAL PROBLEMS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE WITH VIEW TO RESUMING  
FULL SCALE OPERATIONS FROM ☐ AT EARLIEST PRACTICABLE  
MOMENT.

6. QUERY DATE CITED PARA 1. REF.

END OF MESSAGE

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